

STATE FIFRA RESEARCH & EVALUATION GROUP (SFIREG)
FULL COMMITTEE AGENDA
2777 South Crystal Drive, One Potomac Yards (South Building) PYS-4370/80
US EPA OFFICES, ARLINGTON, VA
June 3th & 4th, 2019

Monday, June 3th 2019

- 8:15 am **Welcome, Introductions, and Announcements**
Liza Fleeson Trossbach, SFIREG Chair
Amy Sullivan, Executive Secretary
- 8:30 am **Office of Pesticide Programs (OPP) Report**
Report on status of relevant activities of OPP impacting state pesticide regulatory programs. [Yvette Hopkins, EPA/OPP/FEAD]
- Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance (OECA) Report**
Report on status of relevant activities of OECA impacting state pesticide regulatory programs. [Anthony Matusik, EPA/OECA/OC]
- 8:45 am **Pesticide Operations and Management Working Committee Report**
Report on specific activities of POM Working Committee and pertinence to state pesticide regulatory program including presentation of the items from Working Committee requiring action by Full SFIREG. SFIREG will consider and take action Day 2. [Tim Drake, SFIREG/POM Chair]
1. Letter to EPA – Action Thresholds;
 2. Letter to States/Tribes/Territories – Pass Through Insecticides; and
 3. Survey to States – Regulation of Devices.
- 9:15 am **Environmental Quality Issues Working Committee Report**
Report on specific activities of EQI Working Committee and pertinence to state pesticide regulatory programs including presentation of the items from Working Committee requiring action by Full SFIREG. SFIREG will consider and take action Day 2 [Gary Bahr, SFIREG/EQI Chair]
1. Issue Paper – Cover Crop Issues and Plant-Back Restrictions; and
 2. White Paper – Future of POINTS (Pesticides of Interest National Tracking System) and Water Quality Reporting.
- 10:00 am **BREAK**
- 10:15 am **Dicamba - 2019 Growing Season**
- Overview of SFIREG EPA Dicamba Ad Hoc Work Group and activities will be presented [Liza Fleeson Trossbach, SFIREG Chair]
 - Regional SFIREG Representatives will share information regarding the implementation of the 2019 registration decision including:
 - Impacts on certification and training and other programs;
 - Current status complaints/cases;
 - Changing approaches to complaint investigations for 2019.

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- *EPA will provide information regarding the opportunities for states and territories to amend current cooperative agreements and commitments given the increase in Dicamba related work and impacts on other programs and EPA expectations of grant recipients. [EPA/OPP/OECA]*

11:00 am

Federal Certification of Pesticide Applicators Rule

- *EPA will provide information regarding the EPA's Work Group, Guidance for Submission of Revised State Certification Plans, and outcomes of PREP Certification Course [Richard Pont, EPA/OPP]*
- *Regional SFIREG Representatives will share questions, comments and concerns regarding the implementation. [All]*

11:45 am

LUNCH

1:00 pm

Pesticide Use on Hemp

- *With the passage of the 2018 Farm Bill, the production of Hemp is now allowed. There are currently few EPA registered pesticides that list Hemp on the pesticide label. EPA will discuss its activities and status of products registered for use on Hemp including anticipated timeline for new registrations. [EPA/OPP]*
- *Regional SFIREG Representatives will share information regarding current or planned state approaches to pesticide use on Hemp.*

1:30 pm

Pre-SFIREG/Regional Reports

Regional SFIREG Representatives will provide a brief report (5-6 minutes) of key issues raised at their respective pre-SFIREG meetings including any requests for additional action by SFIREG. SFIREG will consider and take action Day 2.

2:45 pm

Overview of AAPCO 25b Guidance Documents

3:15 pm

BREAK

3:30 pm

Association of American Pesticide Control Officials (AAPCO) Report

Association activity report and identification of current pesticide related issues of shared interest. [Rose Kachadoorian, AAPCO President]

3:45 pm

Association of Structural Pest Control Regulatory Officials (ASPCRO) Report

Association activity report and identification of current pesticide related issues of shared interest. [Irene King, ASPCRO Vice President]

4:00 pm

Tribal Pesticide Program Council (TPPC) Report

Council activity report and identification of current pesticide related issues of shared interest. [Fred Corey, Chairperson, Aroostook Band of Micmacs]

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- 4:15 pm **Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAVs)**
- *EPA UAV Work Group will provide information and update of the activities of the workgroup. [EPA]*
 - *AAPCO Technology Work Group will provide information and update of the activities of the workgroup. [Rose Kachadoorian, AAPCO President]*

4:45 pm **Wrap of Day 1, Identification of Action Items**

5:00 pm **Adjourn**

Tuesday, June 4th 2019

- 8:15–am **Realignment of EPA Regional Offices**
- *EPA will provide an update on the Agency’s activities and the status of this initiative. [EPA/OPP/OECA]*
- 8:45 am **Focused WPS Inspection Initiative**
- *EPA will provide an overview of focused WPS Inspection Initiative including goals, pilot project, and implementation timeline. [EPA/OECA]*
- 9:15 am **Laboratory Directors Report**
- Association activity report and identification of current pesticide related issues of shared interest. [Mike Stage, Laboratory Directors Liaison]*
- 9:30 am **Association of American Pesticide Safety Educators (AAPSE) Report**
- Association activity report and identification of current pesticide related issues of shared interest. [Kerry Richards, President-Elect]*
- 9:45 am **Pesticide Program Dialogue Committee (PPDC) Report**
- Committee activity report and identification of current pesticide related issues of shared interest. [Liza Fleeson Trossbach, AAPCO Representative]*
- 10 am **BREAK**
- 10:15 am **Special Local Needs (24c)**
- *In response to announcement that EPA is now re-evaluating its approach to reviewing FIFRA Section 24(c) requests, and the circumstances under which it will exercise its authority to disapprove those requests, EPA will provide information regarding the re-evaluation process and status of re-evaluation including future opportunities for comment . [EPA/OPP]*

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- *A general discussion of questions, comments and concerns of Full SFIREG regarding the announcement and implications for pesticide regulatory programs.*
[All]

10:45

Full SFIREG Consideration of Issue & White Papers and Action

Issue Paper – Cover Crop Issues and Plant-Back Restrictions. *Consideration of Issue Paper and action* [Gary Bahr, EQI Chair]

White Paper – Future of POINTS (Pesticides of Interest National Tracking System) and Water Quality Reporting. *Consideration of White Paper and action* [Gary Bahr, EQI Chair]

Letter to EPA – [Reference Issue Paper – Region 8 (CO) *Pesticide Use on Cannabis – State Established Pesticide Residue Action Levels*; December 2017]. *Full SFIREG will consider the letter drafted by POM on their behalf to EPA regarding the establishment of pesticide residue levels for any new crop use.*
[Tim Drake, POM Chair]

11:45 am

Wrap of Day 2, Identification of Action Items

12:00 pm

Adjourn